

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An actuator for a vehicle, comprising:
 - a rotatable rotor;
 - a lever that is disposed so as to be swingable between a first position and a second position; and
 - an engagement mechanism through which the lever is engaged with the rotor, the engagement mechanism including
 - a protrusion that engages with the rotor; and
 - a guide mechanism that makes, along with rotation of the rotor, the lever swing between the first position and the second position, and allows, when the rotor stops rotating, a movement of the lever without turning the rotor, wherein the guide mechanism includes:
 - a contact portion that comes in sliding contact with the protrusion to ~~slide~~ swing the lever;
 - a guide portion that guides the protrusion to the contact portion; and
 - an allowing means for allowing, when the rotor stops rotating, the movement of the protrusion between the first and second positions without turning the rotor, wherein the protrusion always stops at the allowing ~~portion~~ means regardless of whether the lever is at the first position or the second position, and wherein the lever is swingable between the first and second positions without operation of the motor, only when allowed by the allowing means.
2. (canceled).
3. (previously presented): The actuator according to claim 1, wherein the guide mechanism includes
 - a first slide guide portion that comes in contact with the protrusion to slide the protrusion to the guide portion during rotation of the rotor in a first direction; and

a second slide guide portion that comes in contact with the protrusion to slide the protrusion to the movement support portion during rotation of the rotor in a second direction, the second direction being opposite to the first direction.

4. (previously presented): The actuator according to claim 1, wherein the contact portion includes a first contact portion and a second contact portion that extend in different directions.

5. (original): The actuator according to claim 4, wherein
the first contact portion slides the lever to the second position during rotation of the rotor in a first direction, and

the second contact portion slides the lever to the first position during rotation of the rotor in a second direction, the second direction being opposite to the first direction.

6. (original): The actuator according to claim 1, wherein the lever is connected to a locking lever that switches between a locked position and an unlocked position of a door locking device depending on the sliding of the lever.